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Commissioner Joe Farrow  
California Highway Patrol  
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**RE: Enforcement of Unified Carrier Registration**

Dear Commissioner Farrow:

Recently the national Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Board designated June 1, 2008, as the first day to begin enforcement for failure to register and pay fees for the federally mandated UCR program. California became a participant in UCR on January 1, 2008, and agrees with this enforcement start date, and asks for your continued cooperation.

The UCR Agreement requires individuals and companies that operate commercial motor vehicles in interstate or international commerce to register their business with their base state and pay an annual fee based on the size of their fleet. Companies operating solely as brokers, freight forwarders, or leasing companies are also required to register and pay an annual \$39 fee. Motor private carriers of passengers are not required to register under UCR. The revenues generated will be used for enforcement of motor carrier safety programs.

There is no UCR credential to be carried in the vehicle. Verification of compliance can be made on line at <http://safer.fmcsa.dot.gov/CompanySnapshot.aspx>.

California based carriers will be advised to register for the 2008 calendar year by May 15, 2008, to be in compliance. For 2009, the UCR Board hopes to establish the fees before the start of the new year and have enforcement begin at a point earlier in the year. If you have questions, you may reach me at (916) 657-6941 or Craig Hanson of my staff at (916) 657-7141.

Sincerely,

*Original signed*

GEORGE VALVERDE  
Director